

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 and 17-28 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) A receiver set connectable to a plurality of information apparatuses through a bus, comprising:

receiving means for receiving multiplexed and compressed data sent through a predetermined channel;

extracting means for extracting a desired compressed data from said multiplexed and compressed data based on a basis of a channel requirement sent from the information apparatus;

management means for managing information relating to ~~a receiving contract between a data provider~~ a possible number of information apparatuses to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel requested;

decision means for deciding whether said desired compressed data can be ~~outputted~~ output to said information apparatuses based on ~~upon a basis of the~~ information relating to said ~~receiving contract~~ possible number of information to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel requested;

and

outputting means for outputting said desired compressed data to said information apparatus based on ~~upon~~ a decision made by said decision means.

9. (currently amended) A receiver set as defined in the claim 8, wherein said information relating to said ~~receiving contract~~ possible number of information to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel

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requested is determined based on a receiving contract between a supplier of said multiplexed and compressed data, and

wherein said receiving contract includes a-channel information on channels receivable, and said channel information includes either one of a possible number of information to which a program can be viewed for said channel and a possible number of information to which a program can be recorded for said channel.

10. (original) A receiver set as defined in the claim 8, further comprising sending means for sending a decision made by said decision means to said information apparatuses.

11. (currently amended) A receiver set connectable to a plurality of information apparatuses through a bus, comprising:

receiving means for receiving multiplexed and compressed data sent through a predetermined channel;

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extracting means for extracting a desired compressed data from said multiplexed and compressed data based on a basis of a channel requirement sent from the information apparatus;

supervising means for supervising information relating to output including output to said plurality of information apparatuses a possible number of information to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel requested;

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decision means for deciding whether said desired compressed data can be
~~outputted-output~~ to said information apparatuses based on ~~upon a basis of~~ the
information relating to said output; and

outputting means for outputting said desired compressed data to said
information apparatus based on ~~upon~~ a decision made by said decision means.

12. (original) A receiver set as defined in the claim 11, further
comprising sending means for sending the information relating to said output to said
information apparatuses.

13. (original) A receiver set as defined in the claim 11, further
comprising sending means for sending the decision made by said decision means to
said information apparatuses.

14. (currently amended) A receiver set as defined in the claim 11, wherein
said supervising means further alters the information relating to said output.

15. (currently amended) A receiver set according to claim 8, further
comprising: ~~connectable to a plurality of information apparatuses through a bus,~~
~~comprising:~~

~~receiving means for receiving multiplexed and compressed data sent through~~
~~a predetermined channel;~~

~~extracting means for extracting a desired compressed data from said multiplexed and compressed data on a basis of a channel requirement sent from the information apparatus;~~

~~coding means for coding said desired compressed data; and outputting means for outputting said desired compressed data to said information apparatus.~~

16. (currently amended) A receiver set according to claim 11, further comprising ~~connectable to a plurality of information apparatuses through a bus,~~ comprising:

~~receiving means for receiving multiplexed and compressed data sent through a predetermined channel;~~

~~extracting means for extracting a desired compressed data from said multiplexed and compressed data on a basis of a channel requirement sent from the information apparatus;~~

~~certifying means for certifying whether said information apparatuses are be a regular one or not;~~

~~wherein said decision means further decides for deciding whether said desired compressed data can be ~~outputted~~ output to said information apparatuses based on upon a basis of certification by said certifying means; and~~

~~outputting means for outputting said desired compressed data to said information apparatuses on a basis of a decision made by said decision means.~~

29. (currently amended) A receiving system, in which a receiver is connected with a plurality of information apparatuses through a bus, ~~wherein said receiver comprises~~ comprising:

receiving means for receiving multiplexed and compressed data ~~which is sent through a predetermined channel~~ on a predetermined channel;

extracting means for extracting a desired compressed data ~~desired~~ from said multiplexed and compressed data based on ~~upon~~ a channel requirement ~~which is sent from the~~ an information apparatus;

management means for managing information relating to a possible number of information to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel requested;

decision means for deciding whether said desired compressed data can be output to said information apparatuses based on information relating to said possible number of information to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel requested; and

outputting means for outputting said desired compressed data to said information apparatus based on a decision made by said decision means. ~~and output means for outputting said desired compressed data to said information apparatus, and wherein said information apparatus comprises:~~

~~input means for inputting said desired compressed data from said receiver.~~

30. (original) An receiving system as defined in the claim 29, wherein said data is data for use in digital broadcasting.

31. (currently amended) A receiving system, in which a receiver is connected with a plurality of information apparatuses through a bus, wherein said receiver comprises comprising:

receiving means for receiving multiplexed and compressed data which is sent through on a predetermined channel;

extracting means for extracting a desired compressed data desired from said multiplexed and compressed data based on upon a channel requirement which is sent from the an information apparatus;

supervising means for supervising information relating to output including a possible number of information to which a program can be viewed, listened to or recorded through the channel requested;

decision means for deciding whether said ~~the~~ desired compressed data can be ~~outputted~~ output to said information ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses based on upon a basis of the information relating to said output; and whether unfair conduct is existed or not; and

~~output~~ outputting means for outputting said desired compressed data to said information apparatus based on upon a basis of a decision made by said decision means, and wherein, said information apparatus comprises:

~~decision means for deciding whether said desired compressed data can be inputted or not upon a basis of a decision sent from the receiver whether said desired compressed data can be outputted or not; and~~

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~~input means for inputting said desired compressed data from said receiver
upon a basis of a decision made by said decision means.~~

32. (original) An receiving system as defined in the claim 31, wherein
said data is data for use in digital broadcasting.